

basically, and you can as you have that handout in front of you, it also clarifies some of the requirements that we put in the new teacher certification ladders last year in order to make it more workable. Those are the committee amendments, and unless there are any questions, Mr. President, I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: There is an amendment to the committee amendments on the desk that we want to acknowledge at least. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb had an amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Lamb is excused.

PRESIDENT: Did you want to handle it, Senator Eret? Very well, the Chair recognizes Senator Eret.

SENATOR ERET: The amendment is on page 1671 of the Journal and it addresses establishing a biannual offerings for the secondary schools and this has come about primarily through the discussions that came from the Class II and III high schools during the summer hearings on adoption of LB 994, and the question came up about honoring the longstanding procedure where in the smaller high schools courses are offered in alternate years but all of the students would eventually get these courses. However, it was not recognized at these hearings as a procedure. Following discussions indicated that that could be taken up in rules and regulations but that does not appear to be enough assurance to Senator Lamb and myself that it would be followed through. So that was the reason for the amendment that he had filed. And this would just simply make sure that when we handle curriculum in statutes we will also recognize the procedure of handling this curriculum in statute. For that reason I would urge the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch, do you wish to speak on this amendment? Is there anyone that wishes...Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I am going to have to stand up in opposition to this amendment by Senator Eret and Senator Lamb. The concern brought by Senator Lamb with this amendment is a concern, as Senator Eret has pointed out, in some of the smaller school districts of this